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## RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

This is in response to the Requirement for Restriction between Claims 1-59 pending in the subject patent application. The Requirement was mailed September 21, 2006, and a response is due by December 21, 2006.

Restriction is required between Group I (Claims 1-10 and 19-59) and Group II (Claims 11-18). Applicants elect the claims of Group I (Claims 1-10 and 19-59) without traverse, reserving the right to file divisional applications directed to the remaining claims.

Applicants believe no fees are due in connection with filing this response. However, if any fees are due the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge them to Deposit Account No. 02-1666.

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